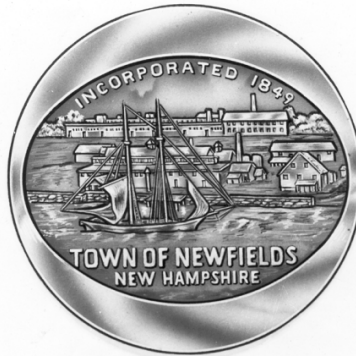


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Newfields Town Hall and Police Facility Committee

March 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

Members present: Dave Edgerly, Sandra Maisey, Duane Martin, Joe Perna, Tom Rogers, Wayne Steneck, Jamie Thompson
Advisors: Chief Art Reed

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Wayne. It was established that a quorum was present.

Minutes from 3/4/15 meeting: Dave moved to accept the minutes; Tom seconded. Minutes approved as amended with revision 1.

Adoption of Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

Update from the Chief

The chief commented that he is most disappointed in the results of the vote for the committee members, not so much for himself.

Update from BOS

Jamie advised the committee that he feels the selectmen will want to move forward and build on what this committee has accomplished and further pursue achieving a solution for the police facility as well as upgrades to the town hall for the town offices. There *are* a couple of hot button issues that we need to get around to find a plan that will be supported by the voters. The BOS will discuss and determine the next steps forward.

Review of Voter Results

Wayne commended the committee members for finding a solution that fit the charge of the warrant article that passed last year and that we felt it was the best solution for the community. Although the loss was larger than anticipated, the committee feels there was value in presenting the plan we recommended. We discussed some of the reasons that people may have voted against it:

- Don't want to raise taxes
- Too big/Too much money
- Loss of the "hall" as it is today
- Some people still don't see the need to have a police department
- There are folks who would like to have a safety complex combined with the fire department

Duane expressed concern that there may be some people who think if we just double the amount of space for the police facility that would be enough, regardless of the functionality. This speaks to the fact that people do not understand the workings of a police force.

Action Items

- Joe will send an email to Gary and Mike thanking them for their work with the committee.
- Jamie with the BOS will determine if we need to do anything as a committee to officially dissolve.

Joe moved to adjourn, Duane seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,
Saundra Maisey
Secretary